

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND** :  
**AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS** :

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** :  
**HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION** :  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY** :  
**MEDICAL SERVICES** :

**EMS File # 06-033**

**vs.** :

**MATTHEW KNOWLES** :

### **CONSENT ORDER**

This matter is before the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department"), upon matters contained in materials submitted by the Director of Personnel for the City of Cranston with respect to Matthew Knowles (hereinafter "Respondent"). Specifically, the Department is in receipt of information that on or about May 1, 2006 Respondent did plead Nolo Contendere to a charge of "Driving Under the Influence/First Offense." As a result of this offense, Respondent has been ordered to perform community service, attend DWI school, attend alcohol counseling and had his motor vehicle operator's license suspended for a period of four (4) months. Accordingly, it is agreed by the parties as follows:

1. Respondent is an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac and is licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This

Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.

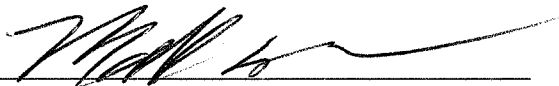
4. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
5. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein; and
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order.
6. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
7. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
8. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

9. That Respondent shall serve at least a twelve (12) month period of probation effective October 25, 2006 subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Order.
10. That said probationary period shall commence upon execution of the Consent Order and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed and/or perform volunteer services as an Emergency Medical Technician.
11. That during the period of probation Respondent shall notify the Department forthwith in the event that he is charged with any crime by any law enforcement agency in any jurisdiction. The Department reserves the right to take appropriate licensure action should Respondent be charged with a crime in any jurisdiction.
12. That during the period of probation should Respondent fail to comply with the provisions of Chapter 23-4.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended and or the "Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services," or any of the terms of this Consent Order, the Department shall initiate appropriate action with respect to Respondent's licensure status.
13. That during the period of probation, Respondent's employers, including the Chief of the licensed ambulance service for which he is employed and/or serves as a volunteer, shall submit to the Department reports every six (6) months relating to Respondent's conduct and performance. That it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have his employers submit said report.
14. That during the period of probation should Respondent change employment and/or volunteer service, he shall notify the Department forthwith of said change

including the name and address of the new employer(s) and/or licensed ambulance services and the reason for said change.

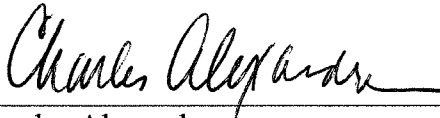
15. That a copy of this Consent Order shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.
16. That this Consent Order shall obviate the necessity for a hearing on the matters forming the basis for this Consent Order.
17. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of emergency medical services during the period of probation and comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, he may apply to the Department for relief from the probation.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.



Matthew Knowles

Ratified as an order of the Department on this 21 day of May 2007.



Charles Alexandre  
Chief, Health Professions Regulation